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| For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING |) | |
| INTEGRATED CIRCUIT |) | |

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 16, 2009, please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.